



May 14, 2023

LEAD SURVEY

We've been listening: from the assessment five months ago to the transitional focus groups five weeks ago. Your responses have guided the survey questions. Once the surveys have been completed, we will be gathering congregants for a new set of Focus Groups to have personal conversations and gain even more in-depth information about St. Luke. As always, thank you for your input as we move through this journey, together.

You can access this survey via this QR code or the link in the emailed newsletter.



We ask that you respond by June 15.

If you would prefer a paper copy, please email office@stlukeithaca.org or call 607 273-6811, leaving a message if necessary.

TODAY: COMFORT SUNDAY

Do you remember how your mother gave you comfort - when you bruised your knee, scraped your hand when you fell on the sidewalk or fell and broke your arm??? Do you know people who need blankets or quilts to stay warm at night? These are all challenges that the Peace by Piece Quilters at St. Luke try to solve with comfortable quilts that are sent to countries around the world. Look at the quilts that we have put out on the pews. They are there for you to enjoy before they are taken to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland.

You can support this project by donations in the envelopes in the holders in the pews. The funds received will be used to purchase batting for the quilts or to support shipping costs as quilts are sent overseas. Your gift can be cash in the envelope or a check written to St. Luke Lutheran Church with comfort written in the memo line. Your help will be appreciated.

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY: Thank you to all who donated money, items, and time so we could pack 106 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Our Kitchen Cupboard item of the month is dried pasta (or canned pasta). Please place donations in the baskets in the Narthex. Thank you!

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF STUDY HOURS

Host: Building Hosts sit at the welcome table, make sure snacks and coffee are available and take count of students in the building, and make sure everything is going smoothly. Signup link in the emailed newsletter or on paper in the narthex.

Snacks: Students always appreciate having snacks, especially homemade cookies! Bring them to the church anytime packaged compactly, and put in either freezer. Store bought is fine also, and pretzels are good for this as well. Please bring a label with ingredients if possible.

THE NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE! Check it out at the same address: www.stlukeithaca.org. This week's tip: enter your Church Directory information online now so that we can get the new—online—directory completed. Information will be password protected to limit it to congregational use.

ITHACA KITCHEN CUPBOARD (IKC): Please continue to be generous and donate needed food to the IKC. For the month of May the Social Ministry Committee is requesting donations of **pasta, dried or canned**. Please put food donations in the collection baskets near the Social Ministry table in the Narthex. Thank you!



PRAYER: Please direct prayer requests to Pastor Jason. A prayer chain of St. Luke folks prays confidently and confidentially for those who have requested prayer. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, please contact Louise McGee rmcgee5@twcny.rr.com or Pastor Jason.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND LUNCH – BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL

Starting May 1 at 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm we will gather in the Campus Ministry lounge on Mondays to study Acts. All you need to do is bring your lunch and a Bible (or use one of ours). That's all. We will move through the book together talking and answering questions ... and you can drop in at any point. Though we go chapter by chapter it is not necessary to be at every study. All Campus Ministry students, faculty, staff, church members and friends ... everyone is welcome. We will have some drinks and occasional refreshments.

When: Mondays (starting May 1) 12:15 pm

Where: St. Luke Campus Ministry Lounge

Who: Anyone/everyone

GIVING TO ST. LUKE

Thank you for all the ways you GIVE to the ministry of St. Luke—time, talents, and treasures. If you'd like to GIVE financially, you can choose from several options:

- Use the Giving App: Download the Givelify App from Google Play or the Apple Store
- Go to the website www.stlukeithaca.org Click on "Donate."
- Write a check and mail it to St. Luke, 109 Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.
- Arrange with your bank or other financial institution to automatically send the amount you designate at intervals you designate.

- Use the QR code in the bulletin

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH AND FRIENDS. Sign-up to provide flowers for church and to share with friends and shut-ins on the chart outside the door to the sanctuary. There are envelopes for the \$35 cost. After church, you may take the flowers to the sacristy to remove them from the black container. There are plastic containers under the sink in which oasis and flowers will fit. Remove the tape that holds the oasis in place. A list of names for sharing are on the sacristy bulletin board. Please check off a name if you plan to take flowers to them. Right now there are many blanks on the sign-up sheet so please consider giving flowers. Questions? Contact Diane Conneman at dyk2@cornell.edu or 607-257-1470.

ITHACA KITCHEN CUPBOARD volunteer signups are on the bulletin board in the hallway for Wednesday afternoon food prep.

COMMUNITY NEWS

(Let office@stlukeithaca.org know if you have an event coming up so, space permitting, we can share!)

PEACE BY PIECE QUILTERS meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. We invite all to come, watch and learn how we make quilts. One of the things we really need help with is the last step tying quilts to keep the layers secure. This is a task that can be done at home while you watch TV or listen to a book on tape. If you would like to volunteer, talk to Diane Conneman or Betta Hedlund. We welcome all.